



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Parking and Traffic Flow – Don't Shoot the Messenger!

You may have noticed over the past couple of weeks that Southridge facilities personnel are helping to coordinate traffic flow during pick-up, and they have been stationed at key areas that typically generate congestion – often made worse when rules, routines and expectations are not being followed.

The first key area of consideration is at the mid-campus crosswalk that leads to our sports fields. This is a critical confluence of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Our facilities employee stationed in this zone helps students cross through traffic while also keeping an eye on congestion caused by people who are parked/waiting in their vehicles along the northern border of our turf field, which is meant to be kept clear.

The reason for keeping this portion of our driveway clear is two-fold. First, it allows people to gain entry to our campus by lessening the length of the line that winds itself around our parking lot to the entrance at the traffic lights off 160th Street. Second, it allows people to follow our designated exit routes without driving into on-coming traffic.

The second key area of consideration is at the Senior School pick-up zone. An additional facilities employee is stationed in this area to keep the flow of traffic moving by helping people negotiation congestion. Remember there are three lanes in this area: the two outside lanes are for picking-up while the centre lane allows for the continuous flow of vehicles. Our facilities employee will help keep the centre lane clear so that people can more easily navigate this area of our campus in a safe manner.

Although you may not realize on a daily basis, the parking lot at Southridge is very well designed. By independent school standards – and confirmed by architects and traffic consultants alike – our community is lucky to have such a large portion of its campus accessible by vehicle; however, the engineers who designed our traffic flow did so under the assumption that the designations indicated on signs, curbs and road markings would be followed. Unfortunately, when even one person does not abide by our traffic flow parameters, the whole systems falls apart.

Our facilities team is in place to help ensure the engineering plan for our traffic flow works as it should. While I understand the design characteristics of our parking lot may not be convenient for any one individual, they are purposeful, safety oriented and designed for

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the collective good. Our employees are the “messengers” of the rules, and they have a difficult job to do. Please treat them with kindness and respect, and appreciate the intent behind their efforts – the safety of (y)our children.

Drive with caution (especially with snow on the ground), follow the rules, pay close attention, appreciate the collective, be patient and slow down.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School



Mr. Tyrel Dyck from the Maintenance staff ensuring that using the crosswalk is safe.

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Course Selection Evening	Wednesday, February 13	6:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Jump Rope for Heart	Thursday, February 14	8:00 am	Junior School
Hoops for Heart	Thursday, February 14	1:00 pm	Senior School
Professional Development Day	Friday, February 15	All Day	Both Schools
Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 18	All Day	Both Schools
Half-Term Holiday	Tuesday, February 19	All Day	Both Schools
Late Start	Wednesday, February 20	10:20 am	Both Schools
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, February 20	10:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Canadian University Information Session	Thursday, February 21	9:00 am	University Counselling Centre Room 238
Junior School Early Dismissal	Thursday, February 21	11:45 am	Junior School
Junior School Student Led Conferences	Thursday, February 21	12:00 pm	Junior School
Evening Presentation for Dominica 2020	Thursday, February 21	6:30 pm	Senior School – Alderdice Library
Casual Day	Friday, February 22	All Day	Both Schools
Senior Play – FAME	Wednesday, February 27	7:00 pm	Coast Capital Theatre
Grade 8 Bandfest	Thursday, February 28 – Friday, March 1		Trip to Victoria
Senior Play – FAME	Thursday, February 28	7:00 pm	Coast Capital Theatre
Senior Play – FAME	Friday, March 1	7:00 pm	Coast Capital Theatre
Junior School Term 2 AR Deadline	Friday, March 1		Junior School
Senior School Term 3 Begins	Monday, March 4		Senior School
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Full School Assembly	Tuesday, March 5	9:40 am	Both Schools
Junior School Weekly Assembly – Cancelled	Wednesday, March 6		Junior School
Senior School Captains' Forum	Monday, March 11	8:30 am	Alan Brown Great Hall

Junior School News

Professional Development Day, Family Day Holiday and Half-Term Holiday, Friday, February 15 – Tuesday, February 19, and Late Start, Wednesday, February 20

Friday, February 15 is a Professional Development Day – school will not be in session for students. School will be closed for the Family Day Holiday on Monday, February 18, and for the Half-Term Holiday on Tuesday, February 19. Classes will resume with a late start on Wednesday, February 20 at 10:25 a.m. *Please do not drop off students any earlier than 10:10 a.m. as all faculty and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.*

Book Your Student Led Conference

Pick-a-Time is ready for you to book your child's student led conferences. To book the interview, please do the following:

1. Click the Junior School Student Led Conferences button in the Parent Portal.



2. If your child was at Southridge last year, the page should open to your child's homeroom teachers and their available interview times. If your child is new to Southridge, you will need your child's student ID number and birthdate (mm/dd/yy). Once this is entered, you will be able to book your child's interviews.



3. Once you have booked your interviews, you should receive confirmation of your booking.
4. The ability to book appointments will stop at noon on Wednesday, February 20.
5. If you need any further assistance, please contact Steve Anderson – sanderson@southeridge.bc.ca

Student-Led Learning Conferences: Thursday, February 21, (11:45am dismissal)

On Thursday, February 21, students will have the opportunity host their own Student-Led Learning Conference. The purpose of Student-Led Learning Conferences is to provide each child with the opportunity to independently communicate their learning and daily classroom experiences in a developmentally appropriate manner with their parents. Another goal of the conference is to help students take responsibility for their learning. Students will not just talk about what they are learning, but also about how they are learning, which may be contextualized through the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and/or the Approaches to Learning.

In the PYP grades, your child may share work samples, items from their portfolios, reflections and goals, give demonstrations, describe routines, and may also ask you to participate in different activities in the classroom to give you a window into their learning day. In the MYP grades, your child will share a digital portfolio in which they have documented aspects of their learning through the lenses of the Approaches to Learning (ATL), as well as their yearly goals, and reflections on their progress towards meeting their goals to date.

Please be aware that there will be an 11:45 am dismissal on that day to accommodate the conferences. Please save the date and plan to be present to support your child. The students really look forward to having the opportunity to share and shine!

For All Junior School Families: Clubs Day and Early Dismissal Open for Registration

Prevent boredom and keep your child busy by attending a Clubs Day!

Children will be busy all day with STEM Challenges, Fine Motor Activities, Science Experiments, Gross Motor Activities and much more!

- **February 15th** - Professional Development Day

- **February 19th** - Half-Term Holiday
- **February 21st** - Student Led Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal

To register email Rita Rai at rrai@southridge.bc.ca

Senior School News

Course Selection Parent Information Evening: Wednesday February 13

We would like to invite you to attend the course selection parent information evening this **Wednesday, February 13 in the Junior School Great Hall**. Your son or daughter is welcome to attend with you.

6:00 - 6:45 pm

Grade 9 and 10 course selection: For parents whose children are currently in Grades 8 and 9.

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Grade 11 and 12 course selection: For parents whose children are currently in Grades 10 and 11.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Kierstan McCaw, Vice Principal of Learning: kmccaw@southridge.bc.ca

Calendar Alert:

All Grade 10 students will write the Grade 10 Numeracy Exam on Friday June 21 at 9:00 am. The Grade 10 Numeracy Exam is a BC graduation requirement. Please record this important date in your calendar.

Southridge Senior School Presents...Fame!

Performances are February 27, 28, and March 1st at the Coast Capital Playhouse and March 1st is already **SOLD OUT** limited seats are available for **Wednesday and Thursday**. Ticket information can be found by clicking the link at <https://www.southridge.bc.ca>, or at www.whiterockplayers.ca

Theatre is an agent of social change. As this is the overarching theme for all courses in the drama department, and more specifically the Theatre Company class, the class producing our school show this year FAME, has decided to support **Youth in BC** as it's charity partner. Youth in BC is a an on-line chat program of the BC Crisis Center, specifically focused on helping teens throughout BC deal with stress, anxiety, depression and more. The charity is an online chat room that allows troubled youth to speak with live trained volunteers through text messaging, on their computer, or phone. The chatroom gives teens an opportunity to speak with someone about their problems, and hopefully



find a way to solve them. The website also provides teens with resources to further help them if need be, such as phone numbers for crisis lines and links to companies to help with sexual or substance abuse, or thoughts of suicide.

Come out, and see FAME, the play, with those iconic characters and all the 80's lore you can handle!



By Joe Bird, FAME promotions

Dominica 2020 Student Trip

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to invite you to an informational session about a potential two-week expedition to Dominica in summer 2020 to help with biodiversity surveys run by Operation Wallacea. The presentation will be held at Southridge on **Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 pm in the Senior School Library** and is open to students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 (in the 2019/2020 school year).

Dominica is one of the most unspoilt islands of the Caribbean – its steep forested cliffs rise straight out of the sea, and the deep forest canyons and waterfalls have made mechanical clearance on the island impossible. Operation Wallacea is working with the Forestry Department to enhance their datasets on the forest dynamics and faunal communities and students have the opportunity to help with this research.

In their first week, the students will be based in a rainforest research centre, sleeping in dormitories or tents. They will assist with various surveys, such as bird surveys (both early morning mist nets trapping and standard point counts), forest structure, herpetofauna surveys (including documenting the spread of an invasive anolis lizard), freshwater ecological surveys, bat surveys and invertebrate surveys. During this week they will also complete a course on Caribbean Island Ecology and have the chance to either take part in a half day canyoning activity or go on a day excursion to visit some of Dominica's stunning volcanic sites and learn about some of the island's exciting geothermal activity.

For the second week, the group will travel to Fort Shirley in the Cabrits National Park, where students will snorkel while completing a Caribbean reef ecology and survey methods course. Students will also be taking part in sea mammal research using the knowledge and skills that they have gained.

It is also possible to complete an Independent Research Project while on expedition, and the expedition covers key aspects of biology, geography and environmental science syllabuses.

A quote for the expedition will be presented to students and parents at the presentation. The quote will include food and accommodation while on the expedition, comprehensive medical insurance, training and participation in the research program and dive/snorkel equipment rental. It will also include the cost of international flights, internal transfers and hotel stays. It will not include transport to and from the airport in Canada, incidental expenses such as souvenirs and meals on the international flights or at the airports.

I look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Ms. Szymczak
Biology Teacher

University Counselling and Career Centre Update

University Counsellors and Career Education teachers have now turned their attention to assisting students in their preparation for course choices for next year. There are student information sessions and a parent information night coming up on Wednesday, February 13th.

Ms. Livingston and Mrs. Becker also invite parents to join us for coffee morning chats in the University Centre (Room 238) to discuss course choices in relation to university application and admission. The next session as follows:

- **Thursday, February 21st at 9:00 am** ----- What's trending in Canadian university and college admissions, hosted by Ms. Livingston

Parents of any Senior School student are welcome! Please join us for conversation, coffee, tea and snacks!

Both Schools

Call for Nominations - 25 Remarkable Alumni

Believe it or not, Southridge will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. As part of this exciting milestone for our school community, there will be many events and initiatives

planned in the 2019/2020 school year for our entire school community (full details to come closer to the end of the school year).

One of the initiatives we have just launched to commemorate the 25th is recognizing the remarkable achievements of our alumni. From their contributions as volunteers and community leaders, to their academic and professional successes, our alumni are making a difference in the world. To acknowledge their achievements, we are running the **25 Remarkable Alumni** campaign.

We are currently calling for nominations, of which 25 alumni will be selected and recognized at a special Anniversary event during the 2019-2020 school year.

Individuals who received their Grade 12 diploma from Southridge School are eligible for nomination.

In evaluating nominations, a selection committee will be guided by the following considerations:

- Does the nominee live the values of Southridge School, demonstrated by their personal integrity and moral character?
- Has the nominee contributed to the greater good through extraordinary service to society?
- Has the nominee attained a high level of leadership, creativity, distinction, and/or achievement in the arts, athletics, academics, business, teaching, research, sciences, or in any other field or discipline?

Alumni, alumni families, faculty, and community members are invited to nominate Southridge graduates. If you know a grad who is making a difference in the world through extraordinary leadership, community service, academic accomplishment or achievement in the arts or athletics, then nominate them today!

Nominations may be submitted by any individual, independently or on behalf of a group or institution. The deadline for submissions is **May 31, 2019**.

Recipients and their nominator(s) will be notified by **July 30, 2019** and will be recognized at a special commemorative event to be held in February 2020 at Southridge School.

To submit a nomination or to read more about criteria and instructions, please visit www.southridge.bc.ca/alumni/25 or email remarkable@southridge.bc.ca.

If you have any questions, feel contact Jasmine Boyes (jboyes@southridge.bc.ca) or Christiane Hodson (chodson@southridge.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Jasmine Boyes
Community & Alumni Relations Manager

Human Resources News

Sian Milan has advised us that she will not be returning to Southridge for the 2019 -2020 school year. Sian joined Southridge in September 2014 on a temporary basis and filled the role of both a Grade 3 and Grade 4 teacher prior to taking on the role of a Grade 4 teacher on a full-time continuing basis in the fall of 2016. During her time with us, Sian took on a leadership role where she planned, implemented and supported the staging of the Grade 4 PYP exhibition and was an active participant in the Foundation Skills Assessment process. She was actively involved in the Southridge community and was both a coach and assistant coach for the Grade 5 and 6 boys basketball teams and coached track and field. Sian has been able to build strong connections with parents, students and her colleagues during her time at our school. Her commitment and passion as an educator will be missed.

We wish Sian all the best as she plans her next steps and focuses on her family and learning pursuits. We will look forward to seeing her in the school as a TOC.

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Southridge Café

Parents and students are reminded that there should be adequate funds in students' accounts before purchases are made in the cafeteria. If the student account is running low, please make a deposit into the account and any negative balance needs to be topped up as soon as possible. You can check your student account balance by logging onto www.mykidsspending.com or checking with the staff in the Café.

To deposit funds into the student accounts, parents please log onto the My Kids Spending account and make a deposit via credit card or e-check. The credit card payment does have a service fee, but the e-check transfer does not. Alternatively, you can drop off a cheque payable to Southridge School, or cash, to the Senior School reception and ensure that the cheque or cash envelope includes the student name, ID, and 'for Café' clearly marked.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the Café at ptan@southeridge.bc.ca.

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is accepting orders for a duffel bag. The bag has a main zippered compartment, a front zippered pocket, and a side zippered shoe compartment. The top grab handles are fabric-wrapped and there is also a side grab handle. The shoulder strap is detachable, adjustable, and padded. Dimensions: 14”h x 21”w x 12”d. Volume: 55.7L. Weight: 1.8lbs/0.8kg. The STORM logo and your initials will be embroidered onto the bag. Price is \$70.00 each + tax. A sample bag is available at the Uniform Shop and you are welcome to come in and take a look. If interested, please place order at the shop by Thursday, February 7th.

Regular hours are:

- Monday-Thursday: 7:45 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm (on days with late start, we open only in the afternoon)
- Friday: Closed

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Business Services Manager
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**SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

Fame

Based on the Screenplay by
Christopher Gore

Conceived by
David De Silva

Adapted to the stage by
Christopher Sergel



February 27 - March 1, 2019

7 pm

**The Coast Capital Playhouse
1532 Johnston Road, White Rock**

*For ticket information, please visit www.southridge.bc.ca
or www.whiterockplayers.ca*

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